

Asian Women In Business

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Chairman Julius Genachowski Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker Commissioner Mignon Clyburn Commissioner Michael J. Copps Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Asian Women in Business (AWIB) is the only non-profit, tax-exempt organization in the country with the primary mission of assisting Asian women entrepreneurs. Over the years, AWIB, a dynamic organization, has expanded its mission to address identified needs and issues affecting the business and professional development of Asian Americans. AWIB also serves on various tasks forces and boards to promote the inclusion of minority and women owned businesses and professionals.

AWIB believes the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA bodes well for economic development and supplier diversity. Given these positive developments, AWIB stands behind this merger as it will have a positive impact on the Asian American community. Not only will the merger spur direct investment – more than \$8 billion in infrastructure investment by AT&T within seven years – but it will promote job growth as well. We are certain the job growth will come in the form of AT&T increasing its diversity supplier base, including buying the products and services of Asian American entrepreneurs.

In addition to these economic benefits AWIB supports the merger because AT&T has established itself as a leader in the Asian American community by supporting various initiatives that have benefited our members, including the hiring and promotion of Asian Americans within the company. Moreover, AT&T long established ties with the Asian American community is well known. In fact, AT&T is one of the leaders in

providing business opportunities for women and minority owned and operated companies throughout the country.

For all the foregoing reasons AWIB strongly supports the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA and encourages the Federal Communications Commission to approve the acquisition. Additionally, AWIB calls on other business and civic organizations to support the merger of the two companies.

Respectfully Submitted,

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